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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 754  
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A RESOLUTION to honor William B. Raines, Jr. on the  
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the members of this General Assembly should  
pause to honor those Tennesseans who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, William B. Raines, Jr., of Chattanooga, is one such individual who is richly  
deserving of the special commendation of this body; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raines has exhibited uncommon integrity, diligence, and compassion in  
service of the citizens of this state, as the owner and CEO of The Raines Group, Incorporated, a  
commercial real estate management and brokerage firm; and

WHEREAS, The Raines Group administers real estate services to assets in excess of  
one million square feet and valued in excess of \$45 million for Real Estate Investment Trusts,  
insurance companies, financial institutions, and for Raines; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Raines is a Major General in the Army Reserves, and received an assignment to the Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) on April 15, 1997; and

WHEREAS, he is the Vice Director of Strategy, Requirements and Integration J8V, and the former Deputy Commander of the 125th United States Army Reserve Command in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, General Raines was a commissioned Second Lieutenant in 1968 at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Engineering; and

WHEREAS, a true warrior and paragon of patriotism, General Raines has admirably given 31 years of his life to military service; and

WHEREAS, General Raines returned to active duty during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, where he served as the Commander of the 3397th USAR Garrison, which received the Army Superior Unit Award in Fort Campbell, Kentucky from August 1990 to September 1991; and

WHEREAS, General Raines also served as President of the Tennessee Reserve Officers Association in 1995; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished military career, William Raines has also served with probity and intelligence in Vietnam as a Battery Commander on the Demilitarized Zone and on active duty assignments in Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, truly a man of many talents, General Raines is committed to his family, and resides in Chattanooga with his devoted wife, Jerrie, sons, Richard and Will, in addition to maintaining a close loving relationship with his three adult children: Jeannie, Philip, and John; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to honor the life and career of this gentlemen's gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to General William B. Raines, Jr., our heartfelt thanks for his august service to his country, and congratulate him on his retirement from the military, after more than 31 years of service. We most certainly wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to General Raines with this final clause omitted from such copy.